

Lexicon Poeticum data description

Lexicon Poeticum (LP) is a dictionary project based at the Department of Nordic Studies and Linguistics at the University of Copenhagen. LP aims to supplement ONP by covering the poetic corpus is Old Norse. The project is based on the Skaldic Project's corpus, which is a rich digital edition of the majority of poetry in Old Norse in the period 800-1400, consisting of about 150,000 words, 75% of which has been published. The entire corpus is linked to a supplemented version of ONP's wordlist (which contains poetic words found in existing dictionaries plus a good number of proper nouns), and the project also adds lexical variants from the poetic manuscripts. Currently a concordance of the published Skaldic corpus is available, and a draft concordance of the Eddic corpus (the remaining part of the project) has also been prepared based on the Menota TEI edition by Haraldur Bernharðsson. A facility for organising entries into senses has been implemented in the database, but only trial entries have been produced.

LP is a MySQL relational database with tables representing lemmas, compound lemmas and senses. It forms part of a generalised schema (ENDS - the Early North Data Service) which also contains the Skaldic Project. Currently glosses / definitions are recorded in a single column in the lemma table and the present views are a concordance of each lemma in the corpus with links to ONP (and some data imported from it), all instances of the word in the corpus, the word in compounds in the corpus, kennings (poetic circumlocutions) containing the word and manuscripts attesting the word. The schema below shows the relevant tables, excluding the table of senses, which link the lemma to words/citations according to sense.

Examples:

hundr (dog): <http://skaldic.abdn.ac.uk/m.php?p=lemma&i=38945>

eta (eat): <http://skaldic.abdn.ac.uk/m.php?p=lemma&i=17902>

kátr (happy): <http://skaldic.abdn.ac.uk/m.php?p=lemma&i=43946>

